on the basis of the proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

Tourism potential in Uttar Pradesh

75. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the vast and varied tourism potential of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the places/units which have been identified for being developed as potential tourists spots during the Eleventh Five year Plan;

(d) whether any integrated planning has been done for development of these places;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total allocation proposed to be made on these places?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (f) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Government/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under the Scheme of 'Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits'.

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

It is further stated that amounts of Rs. 9604.88 lakh and Rs. 2738.32 lakh have been sanctioned for development and promotion of tourism in Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Plan period and during the current financial year respectively.

Requirement of hotels before Commonwealth Games

76. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of hotel rooms before the 2010 Commonwealth Games;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure that required rooms are constructed on time;

(c) whether there is a shortage of funds pounded by the rupee appreciation in recent months; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to augment the funds for tourism industry?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism has assessed that NCR Delhi would require approximately 40,000 hotel rooms to meet the requirement of the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(b) Ministry of Tourism is in constant touch with the various Land Owning Agencies like DDA, Ministry of Urban Development, Railways, Ministry of Civil Aviation, etc. to identify additional hotel sites. These agencies and the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh have also

been advised to follow investor friendly land policies and single window clearance for promoting hotels projects.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Projects for tourist attraction in Assam

77. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the projects for tourist's attraction sanctioned and pending during last three years in Assam, district-wise; and

(b) whether Government would consider a few more projects for tourism development for the districts of Barpeta, Bongaigaon and Nalbari considering the historical importance of these places?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/ Union Territories themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories for grant of Central financial assistance every year under the following schemes:

(a) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development

(b) Large Revenue Generating projects

(c) Fairs and Festivals/Events

(d) Information Technology

Proposals which are complete in all respect as per guidelines are processed on *inter-se* priority basis and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 32 tourism projects in Assam in the last three years *i.e.* 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 for a total amount of Rs. 5714.42 lakh. In the current financial year a total of Rs. 1271.90 lakh has been sanctioned for the projects in Assam. A list of projects sanctioned to the State of Assam given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects sanctioned to the State of Assam in the years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
	2004-05	
1.	Development of Dehing Patkai kshetra, Distt. Tinsukia as a rural Tourism destination	44.33
2.	GOI-UNDP endogenous Project at village Sualkuchi, distt Kamrup	19.95
3.	GOI-UNDP endogenous Project at village Durgapur, distt Golaghat	20.00
4.	Development of village Sualkuchi, distt Kamrup as a rural tourism destination.	50.00